

George Jones

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1952

The letter is
by Robert
to Mrs.

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GEORGE INNES
1704 MEADOWBROOK ROAD
ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

January 12, 1953

Dear Emma Bailey Speer -
I'm sorry I was delayed in getting Robert's letters to you. The only excuse I have is that we moved to this new location, and while we are now only one and one half blocks from our former house yet the accumulations of the years made as much work as if we moved ten miles.

I hope the work on the book is not too hard for you and I know it will be a great joy to you, that it is being done. It is to me - How fine it is for your daughters & son to come to see you.

This is the eighteenth house Mrs Innes & I have lived in through the 54 years we have lived together. While this home is fine the nineteenth will be one of "the many mansions". I hope it will not be more than a block & a half from yours and Robert's mansion at the head of the street.

with fond affection

George

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

May 19, 43

My dear George,

It was a great pleasure to get your letter of May 5 from California. I suppose you are back now in Iowa and so I shall post this to Des Moines.

I saw Fred Hochman in Mansfield, Ohio, when I was speaking for Campbell who is doing a good work there, and later in Holyoke I saw Fred again at the Fourth Church in Chicago where I was speaking for five days. It is always good to see him and to get his warm and loving greetings. And Sam who is a true, courageous Christian.

The past winter has been a good busy time for me. I have been away most of the time on "preaching missions" as with George during his life and Faith Seminars for Presbyterian ministers which have been one of the best things in the life of our Church. Mrs. Owen has not been going with me - detained at home by the presence with us of our younger daughter and her three children from

England. Her husband is a doctor in the British Army. He has been here
for three years now. One older daughter is vice consul in China
and one son is in the Royal Navy some 60 or 70 years. I was to
a grand dog when the tragedy is over and the mad dogs are
chained or destroyed.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jones,

Ever affectionately

Robert

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Nov. 25, 1943.

My dear people,

This is Thanksgiving Day and there is no mail delivery but on my way to church this morning some four miles away I stopped at the post office and got the mail which included your letter of Nov. 23 with its enclosure. They have added to the reasons for thanksgiving. I am glad to deposit your check and to send the Board the equivalent. I don't think there will be any bank charge and accordingly I return the three dollar check. It is a joy to be the channel of your good gift and I agree with you that the one great cause and the only real road to peace is this foreign missions cause. I spoke at a luncheon in the Union League in Philadelphia recently and pointed out that all the ideas which the world is feeling after as the basis of a real peace have been embodied in the foreign missions enterprise from the beginning.

Our daughter Margaret is on the ^{Expatriates} ^{Tripstolen} among the repatriates and we hope to welcome her in a ^{week} ^{week}. Our other daughter and her children are safely back in their home in Oxford.

I am just back from a three weeks' trip to the Pacific

Go to conference for our Presbyterian ministers. George Irving has been
in charge of the but he died suddenly in August and we miss him
in charge of these
July.

It is good to have word of Mrs. Jones and the children and I
am glad that your business has developed so satisfactorily. We had hoped
you would see more and more,
all ever more and more

The winter has come on too soon. A blizzard this last week
blocked our roads and our own drive way is still kept. But the sun
is warm again and this snow will go soon.

Ever affectionately

Wm. H. Hunt.

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Dec. 17, 43

My dear George,

I enclose our Foreign Missions Board
receipt for the generous gift you sent through me.
Several grateful letters came about it. Thank
you again for the gift and for your letting me be
the channel of its reaching its destination.

I am sending under separate cover a
little devotional book, "Your Minutes a Day,"
which I hope you and Mrs. Jones will like.
And I wish you and a very happy Christ-
mas and a very blessed New Year.

Let that have our daughter, constant, just
from from Ann or the Epiphany and our daughter
is low and her three dear daughters with us.

Ever your friend

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ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Jan. 31, '44

My dear George

Your good letter with its generous ^{enclosure} and its transfer of problem from your ^{conscience} to mine has been received and I

thank you warmly for all that is ^{involved} and ^{implicit}. I am not sure yet as to just how my ^{conscience} is to ^{have} ^{stepped} on the ^{case} itself.

Walter but this is the ^{sort} of problem that is ^{full} of pleasure, and I have you of friendly love.

Ans. After and I were long focused to the promise of the road from you and me. I was when the gas and rather reasoning and. Just as in your memory and mark the route or your road map. We are on Route 44 from New York State across Connecticut.

I was in Chicago at the Sunday Evening Club last fall and was there again this month at the 50th Anniversary meeting of the

Joseph Emerson Conference. ^{Watt} ^{Campbell} ^{White} ^{Dr. Carson} ^{of} ^{Korea} ^{Mott} ^{White}

and I am the only survivors of the last Conference and ^{Watt} ^{White}

and I am at this meeting in Chicago.

It is interesting to hear of you prepared to try to California

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Dec. 5. '44

My dear George

Your good letter of Oct. 23 has been acknowledged by Mrs. Spear. It came just after I had been operated on for prostate trouble and I was pretty miserable. After six weeks in the hospital I came home last Friday to get in shape for the second operation in eight weeks. The doctors promise that after that I shall be as well as ever I was.

Many, many thanks for your letter and its generous enclosures. The \$2500⁰⁰ went at once to the Board whose receipts, I am glad to see, are ahead of last year. And Mrs. Spear and I appreciate warmly your thought of her.

I am glad to hear of the new machine and of the development of your business.

As you see from my handwriting I am

still a bit wobbly but can stand daily
by such strength from day to day

Ever affectionately

Robert Spier

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE CONNECTICUT

June 2. 45

Dear George,

It was a great pleasure to get
your letter. I seem to be as right again
after the cutting up of last winter. I
have been speaking several times a week -
twice a day for one week in Coventry,
Miss. - and I am busy all day at home
with gardening, carpentering, painting and
the blessed jobs of the household.

We are having a long cold spring.
I can remember one as long extended as
this. We have been caught rains and snow

Country here is green and beautiful.

It is good to know of your plans that
your going to California will be a great
loss to Dorchester.

This spring has brought the sorrow of
losing three of my college classmates who
were dear friends and I still miss
them being sorely.

Her affection would join in warm
regards to you and Mrs. Jones.

Ever affectionately

Robert.

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE CONNECTICUT

Dec 14 '45

My dear Frank,

Your good letter is just received and Mrs. Spear is overwhelmed by the generous gift from you and Mrs. Jones. I endorsed the check at once and passed it on to her and you will hear from her. Many, many thanks to you both.

I am sorry that you are so far away that there is less prospect of seeing you than when you were in Iowa just now our ground is white again with snow. A foot might go we can snowed in and may be snowed on we cheer of that snow than

We have another. This one is lighter though deep
and also the trees and shrubs on corners keep it
the view from my study window is like a fairy
land.

I have just completed the prep of another
book "Faces and our Human Problems". I
will send you a copy when it is out.

We are here also on our hillside but
will have children and grandchildren here for
Christmas.

With best wishes for a blessed Christmas
for you all.

Ever affectionately

Robert

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

November 12, 1946

Mr. George Innes
1704 Meadowbrook Road
Altadena, Calif.

My dear George,-

I got back on Sunday from my three weeks' trip attending Faith and Life Seminars in Missouri and Indiana, and then to the Eleventh Annual Conference of the Evangelical Fellowship of Northern California. This is a gathering of ministers of all denominations held in Berkeley each year, begun under the leadership of Dr. Francis Shunk Downs eleven years ago.

Mrs. Speer wrote me while I was away of the receipt of your letter with its generous contribution to the Foreign Board and she wrote you in acknowledgement. I am sending on the contribution at once, concealing your name as you desire.

Thank you very much indeed for this most generous gift of which it has been a great pleasure to act as channel.

I am glad you liked the little book, "Jesus and Our Human Problems". It seems to be having a good circulation but there is no possibility of its rivalling the other book, "Five Minutes a Day", of which I believe they have sold some 60,000 copies.

It is no pleasure travelling these days. My train to California was ten hours late and my plane returning, eleven hours. I fear there is no prospect of our coming out to California which we would love to do to see you and Mrs. Innes.

Ever affectionately yours,



These letters show
the warmth & depth
of his friendships -
his courage & ability
not getting up &
going - hard - about
his operations - &
his courage & faith
& cheer in his
last illness -

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Oct. 28. 47

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE CONNECTICUT

Dear George,

Your good letter with its generous
check for the Foreign Board came yesterday
and I have already sent my covering
check to the Treasurer and will send you
his receipt when it comes. Thank you warmly
for letting me be your channel.

Dear, Open and I rejoice with you and
Dear, I was in your 49th wedding anniversary.
We have had our 54th. What a grand reunion
we shall have in the Life Beyond!

We have had a good year with much

To thank God for for ourselves and for our
children.

I have had a bad case of bronchitis
and tedious days and nights in bed but
am up and about again and am going to
try to speak to a meeting in Poughkeepsie
tonight.

No, I don't expect to get out to the Coast
in the near future. It would be good to
come and see you again.

Ever affectionately

Robert.

Nov. 6 47

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE CONNECTICUT

Dear George,

I enclose the receipt of the 2000.00 of
the Service Board for the year up for your
through me

I can see laid up and the effects of a
bad case of bronchitis and physical exhaustion
from having undertaken a little too much
this fall in travel and planning. It is giving
me a good rest and happy sleep
now.

Ever affectionately

Bob.

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Dec. 16, '46

Dear George,

Your good note with its generous gift
to Mrs. Open had come and I thank her too
already written to thank you. It is too good of
you to do things like this.

I would be glad to send a copy of the Union
Beneficial Magazine to Fred Neal Hallan. I saw
his picture at some of the Southern Bible
Conferences last summer.

We are going to begin work this week to
open Christmas Eve our daughter's hospital.

She has for 18 weary years in China and is
now head of the Shingling School for Girls in Tientsin
waer.

It is a glorious blue and gold center log
knee with 16 threemaster as 20° and does!
promis y omes tomorrow.

I hope you may also have a blessed
Christmas time

Ever affectionately

Robert.

~~ROCKLEDGE~~
~~LAKEVILLE~~ ~~CONNECTICUT~~

825 Montgomery Ave.
Bryn Mawr, Penn.
Nov. 23, 1947

Dear Mr. Innes:

I am writing for Mother to let you know that Father has not been well for several weeks. Last Sunday he and Mother came here to my sister Margaret's. During the past week Father has been in the Bryn Mawr Hospital, and made some progress. Yesterday complications made his condition worse, and he is now very ill indeed. Mother and we are still hopeful, and the doctors are doing all that can be done.

Sincerely,

Willie Spear

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

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NEW YORK

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THE CENTENNIAL YEAR
1937

December 28, 1936.

Mr. George Innes,
Innes Manufacturing Company,
Bettendorf, Iowa.

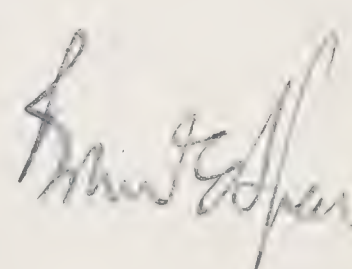
My dear George:-

It was a pleasure to get your letter of December 22nd with its Christmas greetings and its invitation to share with "The World in Davenport" next April. I wish I could accept but it will not be possible for me to be in the west the week of these meetings. I promised to speak in Toronto that week.

I trust that you are well and that you have all had a happy Christmastime. Don't fail to stop in whenever you are here in New York.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Your sincere friend,



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ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

April 11, '39

My dear George,

We are safely home from our five weeks' trip and glad to have a bit of a rest. We have the happiest memories of our delightful visit and of all the unlimited kindness of you and Mrs. Dana from the moment of arrival at the post office at Bloomington. You could not have been more generous and thoughtful.

I do so both good to the meet you and to have the inspiration of your courage and faith.

Ever affectionately

Robert

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Feb. 24 34

My dear George,

I have been away the past week or thereabouts
have written earlier in reply to your last kind
letter. Mrs. Spear and I do deeply appreciate the
warm-hearted invitation from Mrs. Jones and
family to stay in your home while in Hartford
and if we were coming just for a visit we would
be delighted to accept. But as you were known and
mentioned in your letter, when one is speaking their duty
is a different matter and I think that we had
better go to the Blackhawk Hotel, just as we do
pass both hotels in our other apartments. I am

accounting center & Mrs. Lumber asking to
not be made for us.

It is very kind of you to suggest our driving to
Bloomington from Danvers. Mrs. Lumber also proposes
this.

I will send word from Memphis as to the train
and time of our arrival in Danvers on March 18.

Ever affectionately

John

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

July 8. 44

My dear George.

It was a pleasure to get your letter from Boston and to hear of your returning to work. I hope that you will not ^{retire} retire. To "retire" means I suppose, to "put on new tires". At any rate that has been my experience and ^{retire} retires at any rate that has been my experience and ^{double} double is to be yours.

I am interested to hear of your plan for extension and trust that it may develop better even than your hopes.

Let me tell you that I saw some time ago I saw to Dr. J. C. ^{Garrett} Garrett in Florida. You may remember him. He was one of the best missionaries in China. His wife is dead. His eye sight has failed. He has been in feeble health as the Perry name and has just had a serious operation for which he could not pay. He is one of the best men I have ever known and I am glad your gift could ^{relieve} relieve him.

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We are having some scorching hot weather and I have to
go down from our comfort here to preach in New York town-
row and then go on for some addresses on Philippians or
to Princeton Seminary ^{Summer} Seminars ^{Institute} Tracts.

I am not sure as to your present address. I
judge you are only temporarily at Bakersfield. So I am
sending this to Iowa.

Ever affectionately

Wm. S. Spier

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George Innes

INNES COMPANY
1150 E. FIGG BLVD.
LOS ANGELES 37, CALIF.

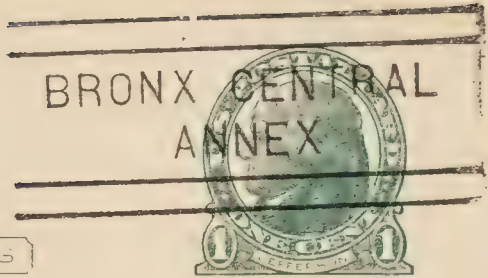
New York, Jan. 27, 45

Dear Grace

The doctor has told me that I can go home on
Saturday of this week. I am very grateful for all
of God's goodness and for your love and prayers.

Ever affectionately

Robert G. Spear



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George Jones
INNIS COMPANY
1150 E. PICO BLVD.
LOS ANGELES 21, CALIF.

New York - Jan. 18: 45

Dear George.

The operations are successfully over and I am waiting for wounds to heal and normal functions to be re-established and then we shall go home.

It is good to know your progress and look out to hear of the successful test of the new machinery.

Ever affectionately,

Robert

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Nov. 2, 45

My dear Frank,

On returning home last evening
from a series of services in Easton, Pa.,
I found your good letter with its grand
check for the Board of Foreign Missions for
which I am sending by check as you re-
quest, though I wish I might let them know
who it is also sends this generous contribution.
I will tell them it is from a friend whose
name is not to be known.

I am glad to have your new addresses
both home and factory as I trust that Cal-
ifornia may be better seen than Iowa.

We are very happy here in New York
I wish you could see our lovely little place
with its ponds view. It is all peace and
happiness.

We had a fine service in Louisa this
fall with services each week for all the
Southern Presbyterian churches. Henry Swatts,
of the Southern Church, who is a jewel as a
saint managed it all.

With much love from us both to you and
Mrs. Jones

Ever affectionately

Robert

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Nov. 17. 45

Dear George.

The enclosed letter has come back to me. I do not know what is the matter with it. This is certainly one of the addresses you gave me in your letter. I hope it may reach you this time.

I enclose a report from the Board which as you see concerns the source of your generous gift as you desired.

I am just back from a week of services in the Second Presbyterian Church of Baltimore where I had a good time speaking on different aspects of our Lord's life and character. Tomorrow Mrs. Spier and I drive over to Poughkeepsie for a union meeting there.

Ever affectionately

Wm. L.

December 16th '45

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE CONNECTICUT

Dear Mr and Mrs Innes,

What lovely generous friends you are, to think of me, and to send me, for the second time, this most generous check ! For me there is always too much danger that money will burn a hole in my pocket- so many things that ^{is} lovely to be able to do for the family and the house, but this check is safely in the bank, and I am having a very good time spending it in prospect, changing my mind, and thoroughly enjoying the thought that it is there, snug and safe.

Lasst year, when you sent a check for me, at the time that my husband was so very ill, and he was in the hospital, and I was commuting by bus from a friendshouse on 120th St, to the hospital at 168th St, I wrote to you, but found, to my dismay, that in the excitements of those days it had got put away in a ~~file~~ folder, lacking an

address, and there it has stayed until I came on it the other day. It was a strange winter, and looking back on it as one anniversary after another passes, and I think of the marvellous goodness of God, and of all the friends, in helping us by prayer and countless acts of kindness, it is even more wonderful than it was at the time- tho' as a Scotch friend once wrote to us: "We walk through the goodness of God, as through thick grass and flowers".

Robert is better now, really, than he was for some years before his operation. He went by will power for too long a time, but now he is himself again, full of fun, and energy. Here in the country he does enough out door things, but not too much, and yesterday he walked in the snow to our village, a mile and a half away, and had planned to go to Mount Hermon, to speak at the school there today, a fifty five mile bus ride before he took the train at Hartford, and returning the same way, getting here at ten thirty, after the long bus ride in the cold. You can imagine my relief when a telegram came on Friday, saying the school had had to close earlier than they had expected, and the engagement was cancelled. There is no stopping him, if he thinks it is a duty! He would object to my telling you, but I think I will have to, in spite of his objection,, for it was so characteristic. Being turned down at six hotels the other day, after a day in Princeton, he spent the rest of the night in the Grand Central Station, and said it was a most interesting experience!- He would not have missed it- and was none the worse for it, arriving here in time for a late breakfast. His first breakfast had been at 4:30 A.M. in the station, in an all night counter.

We have had our third deep snow, and winter has begun early and in earnest for us, but it is very beautiful

With affectionate greeting to you both,

(Forgive my very faulty typing- I never learned to do it properly)

Yours sincerely

Ernest Spence

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE CONNECTICUT

Dec. 1. 46

Dear George,

I enclose the receipt of \$1.00 Treasurer of the
Protestant Parish Board for your most
generous gift.

I hope that you and Mrs. Jones may
have the happiest and blessed of Christmas
times

Ever affectionately

Robert,